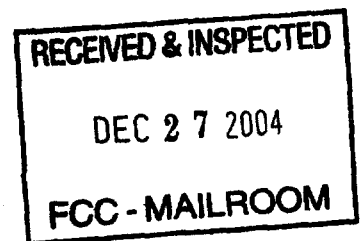


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Wednesday, December 15, 2004

Michael Powell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St. SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing this letter in protest of your actions regarding the advancement of technology towards HDTV. I feel that forcing regular viewers to purchase these fancy televisions, in order to watch regular cable programming, discriminates against the viewers unable to afford this luxury. I also disagree with your decision to give the airwaves to corporations for free, rather than keeping them the property of the public or at least selling them to make a profit for the people. I am greatly hurt that you would so cheaply distribute public property and disturbed to think that companies will be even more in control of everything you watch. I also fear for public access channels and other local programming, which I feel to be great assets in our community.

Although I understand that by 2008 high definition televisions will be less costly, many people with multiple televisions in their household will have to discard several perfectly functional but useless (not to mention probably valuable) television sets. This is a waste, and replacing these with HDTV's will be quite costly. Perhaps the dent created in our bank accounts is worth it, but perhaps you could have at least made us back some money on our airwaves you tossed at companies whose only goal is to make even more money off of us.

I understand that we have to move forward with technology, and I am sure the grief I feel is similar to that of the dedicated Beta tape viewers. My only request is that you make a strong effort to ensure that local programming will stay alive. I feel the people should have at least as much representation in their own community as Pepsi does. Please don't let public access die.

I would appreciate a response to this letter within 4-6 weeks. This letter is part of a requirement for a class I am taking. You can write back to my home address at the top, or email me at [ladyhoodlum@hotmail.com](mailto:ladyhoodlum@hotmail.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashlei Miller".

Ashlei Miller